## HOUSE BILL 3134 By Clem

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 27, relative to appeals from general sessions court.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 27, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

27-5-109.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, when any civil case is appealed from general sessions court to circuit court and the appealing party has a less favorable outcome in circuit court, then the circuit court shall award the non-appealing party up to three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in attorney fees unless the court finds that such an award would not be reasonable under the circumstances.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.